

Remarks

Review and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The “Cross-Reference to Related Applications” on page 1 of the specification has been corrected in accordance with the Examiner’s requirements.

A new declaration is submitted herewith to correct the defective declaration previously submitted.

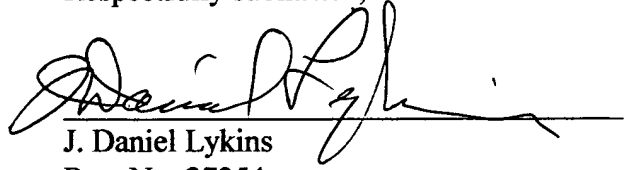
Applicant appreciates the Examiner’s indication that claims 12-21 (12-20) are allowed. Since there is no claim 12 in the application, it would appear that claims 13-21 were mis-numbered. Accordingly, claims 13-21 have been renumbered as claims 12-20, respectively. Furthermore, the dependent claims have been amended accordingly to reflect their appropriate dependency.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, because the claim contains the trademark names “Hydrin 200” and DuPont ECO”. In view of this rejection, the trademark names as well as the term “such as butadiene-acrylonitrile rubber” have been deleted from claim 11. Accordingly, this rejection can now be withdrawn.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, because the Examiner finds the claims to be unclear in view of the language in claim 1 which recites “elastomer material forming a second tubular structure”. Claim 1 has now been amended for the purpose of clarifying claim 1 and those claims depending therefrom. Accordingly, this rejection can now be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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